



Docket No.: 1359.1020

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Naomi IWAYAMA

Serial No. 09/457,267

Group Art Unit: 2176

Confirmation No. 7493

Filed: December 9, 1999

Examiner: Almari Romero Yuan

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Sir:

Further to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, we note that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged the IDS filed January 9, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449 filed that date. For convenience, a copy of the previously filed Form PTO-1449 is attached.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Letter, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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